

# HILL DAHLIA NURSERIES

189 Welch Avenue

1959

Battle Creek, Mich.

## BIG GIGANTIC DAHLIA SALE

### GET YOUR RESERVATION ORDER IN EARLY

**ADA N.** (L. D.) Blooms 11x5. One of the new ones. Lovely fuchsia purple with massive broad petals, this naturally grows mighty large, a prolific bloomer, makes a big hit with those that want them big. ....Special Roots 1.25

**ALICE MAY** (I. D.) Bloom 12x8. This pure waxy white flower is rightly called a "White Lord of Autumn." This tremendous bloom is beautifully formed. ....Roots .75

**ARTHUR GODFREY** (Pitt-Dahl 86A), 1951, Bloom 12 x 6, Bush 4 ft. A success all over this country and abroad, especially for its immense size and is a real winner in the largest bloom class. The name pleased its owner and did much toward gaining such high recognition. A beautiful Orient red with orange or buff shadings. On 3 Honor Rolls, and certified at Atlanta and Rutgers. Grows 11 x 6 not disbudded in ordinary field culture. Wonderful vitality, rugged foliage, and blooms from early to late. ....Root .75

**AVALON**—Informal Decorative. Clear canary yellow of cut flower size. We cut four to six-foot stems last season which held the bloom erect. Late in the season it is a wonderful dahlia. ....Root .40

**ALL AMERICAN** (S.C.) A large mulberry rose with a slight yellow at base of petals. The deep flowers are very attractive on stiff stems. ....Root .50

**BEAUTIFUL LADY** (Formal Decorative). Bright lemon yellow. 8-10 inch blooms, good stems, bush 5-6 feet tall. Rugged grower, insect resistant foliage, profuse and early. A good root maker and they keep well. Scored 84 at East Lansing. ....Root .65

**CALIFORNIA IDOL** (I. D.) The best yellow dahlia introduced in 1935. Huge blooms on the best of stems. Winner of many prizes during the past season and surely a winner again this season in the giant bloom classes. ....Root .60

**CHEROKEE BRAVE** (Ricks-Dahl 86A), Bloom 11 x 6, Bush 5½ ft. Blooms are a rich oxblood red shaded Tyrian purple at times, that hold their color well in the sun. Does well everywhere and is still considered an outstanding red. The blooms grow naturally to extra large size. One of our best introductions. Bush growth strong and foliage heavy. Award of Honor, Ga. ....Root .75

**CLASS** (F. D.) One of the largest sulphur yellow formal decorative dahlias to date. Grown up to 15 inches, petals fall back toward stem when fully out. Strong, straight stems hold flowers directly on top. Bush rugged. ....Roots .75

**COMMANDO** (F. D., 1943) Golden Rule. A clear shade of lavender or true phlox purple and very bright. Large clean flowers from 10 to 14 inches and held on long stiff stems. ....Root .50

**COMMODORE** (D). Very large canary yellow. One of the largest. A good grower worth much more than the price charged. ....Root .35

**CROYDON MASTERPIECE** (F. D.) This is it. A real GIANT and one of the FINEST Dahlias we have ever grown—bar none. Color is majolica orange lightly suffused jasper red. Early, profuse, strong stems and healthy foliage. Blooms 12" to 14". A sure prize-winner everywhere. ....Root 1.00

**D-DAY** (Dec.) Bloom 7 x 4, bush 4½ ft. A very pretty one-tone bright rose or rhodamine pink. Has cane-like stems, is prolific, and fine for florists' use. As a cut flower we have more demand for this in our Battle Creek market than for Jersey Beauty. On the Honor Roll. ....Root .50

**DEUIL DU ROI ALBERT** (Bel 84B), FD, E, Bloom 6x4, Bush 3½ ft. An outstanding bi-color of orchid or petunia purple tipped white. A very early and incessant bloomer. ....Root .50

**ELLINOR VAN DER VEER** (D) Glowing rose pink. Much like Mrs. I. D. Ver Warner. Very good grower blooms. Large. ....Special Roots, Each .40

**FIVE STAR GENERAL**, Bloom 10x7, Bush 5 ft. A most pleasing blend of light amaranth pink edged and shaded soft canary yellow. One of the very best and largest for exhibition. Consistent bloomer. Derrill Hart Medal Winner certifying at 3 Trial Grounds. ....Root .75

**GOLDEN JUPITER** (M. L.) Bloom 11x6, Bush 4½ ft. Primrose yellow heavily suffused soft jasper red. Although out a few years this variety is just becoming popular. Good grower and most satisfactory for exhibition. ....Root .75

**GOLDEN TREASURE** (F. D.) All that the name implies—a lovely gold variety. Greatly in demand by florists for cut flower work. A splendid keeper for cutting or exhibition. Size 8x4. ....Root .50

**HARRY MAYER or BLUE MOON** (Dec.) A grand dahlia back on the market, color Pale Roselyn Purple, very much like Blue River a fine large garden flower worth more than the price. ....Roots .50

**HILL'S PINK SUPREME** (I. D.) Hill 1939. The dahlia for the millions, back again after a sell-out in 1955. The longest stem dahlia growing today. The greatest pink since the advent of jersey beauty, very prolific, insect proof, grows for everybody in all sections of the country. ....Root .75

**HUNT'S VELVET WONDER** (I. D.) Has the distinction of receiving a special award of merit at the New York Show. It is an excellent keeper for so huge a flower. Color is rich, bright violet burgundy which under some lights looks royal purple. ....Roots .75

**JANE COWL** (Downs) (I. D.) An immense flower of buff; produced on long stiff stems. Won several medals. ....Root .50

**JERSEY'S BEAUTY** (F. D.) Bloom 6x4, bush 6½ ft. Probably the most popular of any dahlia, especially as a cut flower. The ideal pink for exhibition or florist use. ....Root .60

**KENTUCKY**—Decorative. A wonderful new shade of creamy pink. Long stems, excellent cut flower, good keeper. ....Root .75

**KING OF THE BLACKS** (D.) Positively the best black-red on the market today, bar none. Fine form, free blooming on long stems. ....Root .85

**LIDICE** (I. D.) Bloom 13x8, bush 6½ ft. A delicate cream yellow, shading to lemon yellow toward the center. It won the highest award given a seedling dahlia, at New York in 1942. It is an exceedingly fine grower. The long, strong stems hold the giant blooms high out of the foliage. ....Root .75



<b>LOIS WALCHER</b> (I. D.) Bloom 8x4, bush 5 ft. The color is a deep amaranth to pansy purple, with the outer one-third of petals a clear white. Stems are ideal, carrying the flower facing and well above the foliage. ....Root	.75
<b>MAFFIE</b> Bloom 12x6, bush 6 ft. Intense carmine of stupendous size. The tremendous size of this dahlia puts considerable strain on the stem. Bush growth is very rugged and foliage exceptionally heavy. ....Root	.75
<b>MME. ELIZABETH SAWYER</b> (Holl 84B), Bloom 7x3, Bush 4 ft. Persian rose shading lighter. Very lovely prize winner. Fine branching habit and an early and profuse bloomer. Good for cutting. ....Root	.50
<b>MICHIGAN WHITE</b> (S. C.) One of the very best of the white cut-flower dahlias. The well formed flowers seem to "pop" out over night on long, strong stems. Substance of the flower is excellent, the flower keeping well when cut. Blooms are of medium size. ....Root	.75
<b>MONARCH OF THE EAST</b> Bloom 11x5, bush 5 ft. A giant dahlia on sturdy tree-like bush. Has been grown as large as any. The color is light rich cadmium yellow with coral red shadings on reverse. ....Root	.75
<b>MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER</b> (I. D.) A fine new addition to the giant red class. Just naturally a big flower which has won many friends during the past season. Not only a grand exhibition flower but one you will be proud of in your garden. ....Root	.35
<b>MRS. E. J.</b> , (St. C.) Clear, brilliant pink with white at centers and very lightly tipped white. Exceptionally good in our garden and field. Winner of three Certificates of Merit in 1945 as follows: Storrs with a score of 85; East Lansing, 85.3; Cincinnati, 85.8. On Eastern Honor Roll. ....Roots	.75
<b>MRS. JAMES ALBIN</b> (Formal Decorative) A florist variety. Bloom 7x4. Color is clear yellow. We highly recommend this dahlia for cutting. Blooms fairly early and continues till frost. Stems long and strong, bushes very healthy and free branching. Very good. ....Root	.40
<b>MRS. HESTER PAPE</b> (I. D.) 10x5 in. Reddish purple. The fine big blooms are unfailingly produced on nice stems. The big bushes, 5 ft. high, are well branched. This has been a big winner in shows over the country. ....Roots	1.00
<b>MISS SAN DIEGO</b> (I. C.) Incurved lacinated cactus. Lemon yellow, outer half of bloom tyrian pink. Blooms 9x7 on long straight stems. Honor Roll dahlia and winner of Certificates of Merit. Won A.D.S. Achievement Medal. ....Roots	.75
<b>MRS. THOS. A. EDISON</b> (I. D.) A brilliant-flashing velvety red to carmine bloom of 10 to 12 inches across and good depth. Strong straight stems and a husky grower. ....Roots	.50
<b>MONTEBELLO</b> (Robinson, 1943), I. D. A rich violet or orchid crimson, classed by some as purple red. Deep and full, back petals curl backward covering stem. Free bloomer, good keeper and fine stems. ....Roots	.50
<b>IDA DE VER WARNER</b> —Formal Decorative. Large lavender. Very good. One of the best dahlias grown. ....	.35
<b>NEGUS</b> (F. D.) Oxblood red to almost black in center. Plants extremely robust, long stems, insect resisting. Try it on our recommendation. Good size blooms, held erect. ....Roots	.50
<b>NEW LOOK</b> (S. C.) Very large empire yellow. One of the best yellows in recent years. Strong, healthy grower with blooms up to 12". ....Root	.75
<b>OAKLEIGH CHAMPION</b> —Incurved Cactus. Straw yellow heavily overlaid with rhodamine pink. This is one of the best cactus dahlias. Finely formed on long stems. Free bloomer. ....	.50
<b>OGDEN REID</b> (Kelly-Parella, 1945) (F. D.) Spinel pink blended with rose pink and striping of promuline yellow, center deep rose. Very large blooms. 12½x6¼ inches and larger. Canelike stems up to 15 inches. Vigorous grower, good bloomer. ....Roots	.50
<b>ORFERO</b> (St. C.) Early bloomer of dark purple on stiff stems. The 8 inch blooms are fine keepers and good producers. ....	.75
<b>OSA-HELEN</b> (S.C.) Huge red, named after the wife of the late Martin Johnson, the big game hunter. Unquestionably outstanding for its brilliant American beauty color and dark green foliage, along the order of Maffie and other huge flowers, only a better grower and root maker. ....Special Root	.75
<b>RED JERSEY BEAUTY</b> —Informal Decorative. A nice red dahlia the size and shape of Jersey Beauty. Used generally for cut flowers. ....	.50
<b>ROSE GLORY</b> (D.) Rose lavender in color, a very fine cut flower on long stems, very fine in every respect. ....Roots each	.30
<b>SARETT'S PINK FLAMINGO</b> (P. C.) This was the most outstanding dahlia last season. Grand Champion Winner at our show. Hard to beat on the show table, wonderful stems, good grower. ....Root	1.25
<b>SILVER LADY</b> (F. D.) White lightly edged and flushed with lavender. A fine open grower with fine stems. Very appealing to those who like pastel shades. Received certificate at Fairmount Trial Grounds in 1938, also listed in House Beautiful Futurity. ....Roots	.75
<b>SON OF SATAN</b> An immense incurved cactus flame red with excellent stems. This sensational four Honor Roll dahlia is the strongest and most vigorous grower in our collection. The flowers are large and attractive. ....Roots	.75
<b>STOP LIGHT</b> (S. C.) Scarlet red Semi Cactus. Blooms 7 to 8 inches in diameter by 5 inches in depth. Stiff cane-like stems, blooms facing. A 1952 introduction of great merit and winner of many honors the past season. ....Root	1.25
<b>THE CARDINAL</b> (S. C.) A beautiful spectrum red, one of the outstanding varieties of the year. Achievement medal winner and many other awards. 10 to 12 inch blooms on good stems. ....Roots	.75
<b>THE REAL GLORY</b> (F. D.) Bloom 10 x 5 inches. An excellent new crisp white formal. It has performed very well during the last year and is highly recommended. This one will have to be reckoned with on the show table. Excellent keeping qualities. ....Roots	.75
<b>THOMAS A. EDISON</b> (Dahl 85B), ML, Bloom 8x4½, Bush 4 ft. Impressive blooms of staghorn petal formation. Royal purple or petunia violet. Stems and bush grow strong. Grows rather slowly and appreciates extra culture and fertilization. Many awards. ....Root	.50
<b>VICTORY</b> Bloom 10x6, bush 4½ ft. Rose pink suffused gold. Here is a real knockout for sheer beauty. Flowers keep well and stem and bush growth excellent. Probably the most beautiful pink Formal Decorative to date. ....Root	.40
<b>WM. H. HOGAN</b> —Formal Decorative. An outstanding red tipped white flower. ....Root	.50
<b>WHITE WONDER</b> (S. C.) A Wonderful White Large and a 6-foot grower. This is a very good one and should be grown in every garden. ....Roots	.25

#### SPECIAL

Send us the names of two of your friends that you think would be interested in our "Dahlias" and we will include with your order an extra dahlia of the better class.

#### GIANT SPECIAL OFFER—No. 100

One root of each of the following: Arthur Godfrey and Golden Treasure. Special advertising price. ....\$1.00



## BALL DAHLIAS

The large, round dahlias that are quilled together which makes a keep flower, these always keep well when cut, very popular.

<b>CHARLOTTE CALDWELL</b> (Ball) Bright orange with shadings of terra cotta. It has wonderful foliage and vigorous growth. Always a winner. ....Root	.40
<b>CLARA CLEMENS</b> Blooms of good size. Color, dark red, tipped white. This is a very striking dahlia, if you like two tone colors do not over look this good one. Roots .....	.50
<b>GLORY-DE-FRANCE</b> (Ball) A dandy growing ball dahlia, yellow mixed with red. Very fine and striking dahlia in every way. ....Roots	.30
<b>MRS. C. D. ANDERSON.</b> A mammoth purple-quilled ball dahlia with a silver sheen that keeps for days in the show room. We have at last a good supply of this Dahlia, which grows for everyone. ....Root	.40
<b>LAVENDAR CALDWELL</b> —Ball. Sport of Charlotte Caldwell. Very fine blooming. Low growth. Doesn't need staking. ..Root	.50
<b>ORANGE BALL</b> (Ball) A beautiful orange shaded flower, fine grower and root maker. ....Roots	.30
<b>STORM KING</b> A White Ball that will cut well with other dahlias in your garden. ....Roots	.25
<b>PURPLE BALL.</b> A very fine one of this color. Good stems .....	.30

## MINIATURE DAHLIAS

These are the same formation as the very large dahlias only under about 3 inches in size. Fine for borders and small gardens, cutting and table use.

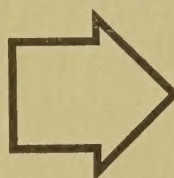
<b>BISHOP OF LLANDAFF.</b> A wonderful English bedding dahlia. Intense red with dark bronze lacy foliage that contrasts beautifully with the flower. ....Root	.40
<b>BO BO</b> (Frank-Rocky River, 1948), F. D. Bloom 2 by 1½ inches, bush 4 ft. Bright primrose yellow suffused rose red. Long stems and good form. Excellent for arranging and exhibiting. Winner of many prizes. On 3 Honor Rolls. ....Root	.40
<b>CARLA</b> (Dahliadel 83C, 1934). Color is buff, heavily shaded old rose and suffused violet rose, a rich contrast to the dark green foliage. Ideal in the garden and for arrangements. ....Root	.40
<b>DIANA JEAN</b> (Min.) Color a bright lemon yellow. One you should have in your small dahlia collection. ....Roots	.25
<b>IKE</b> Bloom 3½x5x2. A beautiful blood red Miniature that is fine for cutting. Described as having many tight, overlapping petals, each with lacinated tips. Has fine tight centers, and is a profuse bloomer. ....Root	.50
<b>SANDRY.</b> A red and white novelty that is very much in demand. A low grower for borders. ....Roots	.40
<b>ORCHID LADY</b> (1935), F. D. Here is a little champion. The color is orchid pink. It is a wonderful little dahlia all the way round. ....Root	.35
<b>SPRINGHILL ROSE</b> (F. D.) A beautiful rose red, 2 to 3-inch blooms held on long stiff stems and a prolific bloomer. Fine for florist work. ....Root	.30
<b>WHITE FAWN</b> (F. D.) Waxy white. 3 inch bloom. Excellent substance. An extremely abundant bloomer. One of the best cut flowers. Dark glossy foliage on low compact bush. On three honor rolls. Certificates of merit at Storrs and Ohio. Root	.25
<b>FAIRY</b> (Miniature), E, Bloom 3½ x 2½, Bush 4 ft. A soft violet rose shading mauve at tips. Blooms early until late. Flowers uniform and keep well when cut. Good, strong, straight stems. ....Root	.35

**NOTICE!** Many of these miniature dahlias will be included in our Giant Miniature and Pom Pom Dahlia Collection No. 4. These, however, will not be labeled.

## POM POM DAHLIAS

World's finest collection of those little flowers you like for borders, cutting and table decorations.

<b>AMBER QUEEN</b> —Solid amber in color, beautiful color. But flowers a little larger than usual. An old standard variety. Roots	.35
<b>ALBINO.</b> Small flowers of pure white. Free flowering. ....Root	.50
<b>BOBBY.</b> A deep plum color. Very fine. ....Roots	.50
<b>JONNY</b> Pom pom. Red with yellow center. ....Roots	.40
<b>LITTLE BUDDY</b> (Lake 85), E, Bloom 2x1¾, Bush 3½ ft. A soft lemon yellow that is a wonderful cut flower. Plenty of substance. Profuse and early. ....Root	.50
<b>LITTLE HERMAN</b> (Pom pom). Red blotched white, very popular. ....Roots	.35
<b>MARY MUNNS</b> (Bolsa 85), M, Bloom 1½, Bush 2½ ft. One of the best in phlox or mallow purple. Good for exhibition or cutting. ....Root	.25
<b>MORNING MIST</b> —Bloom 1½, bush 3½ ft. A fine cut flower with long stems. Color, white tipped lavender and rosy lavender at center. Some flowers a little large but very popular. ....Root	.40
<b>ROSALIE.</b> White suffused pansy purple. ....Root	.40
<b>C. VAN SITTERS</b> (P.) Yellow tipped orange. ....Root	.35
<b>SPY</b> Bright red. One of the best in the red class. A good grower and bloomer. ....Roots	.40
<b>YELLOW GEM.</b> A bright yellow. Good cutter. ....	.40
<b>YOULETTE</b> (Pom Pom). Fine light bronze yellow. Very free blooming, one of the finest small dahlias you have ever grown. Much in demand. ....Root	.50
<b>COLLECTION No. 4</b> —Pom Pom and Miniature Collection Labels lost in storage and surplus bulbs not labeled. We will ship 12 roots postpaid on receipt of.....	2.50



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Read Carefully

Again the Post Office and Shipping Companies have legally put their hands in our pockets to remove more of our profit, so we are asking you to help share the shipping charges as you so willingly did last season. On orders for less than \$3.00 please add 30c; On orders from \$3.00 to \$5.00 please add 50c; All orders over \$5.00 will go fully prepaid.

**GUARANTEE**—All our stock is Government inspected and fully guaranteed in every respect and to be in good growing condition when you receive it. If any variety should fail to grow we will willingly replace. All orders accepted subject to being unsold and any other conditions over which we have no control.

**TERMS**—We require cash with order or a reasonable deposit to hold early orders till shipping time. We **DO NOT** ship C.O.D. This is an added expense to you and extra work for us.

**SPECIAL DAHLIA BARGAINS**—Check the inside of this for 1959 collections.

## OUR LOCATION

Drive on either West Michigan Ave. or West Van Buren St. to Limit Ave. and go one block north, turn right, watch for the sign, Hill Dahlia Nurseries.

ACROSS FROM THE BATTLE CREEK ACADEMY



# GAMBLER'S COLLECTION

10 DAHLIA'S ROOTS—togs lost off during planting, digging, storage etc. you will probably know the shortage of help. This collection will be mighty fine as we were forced to put a great many of our finest in this collection on account of the help not being careful. If you are not fully satisfied with this collection, we will refund your money without question.

If you do not care for the names, be sure and order this collection without fail.

10 ROOTS—.....2.50

Collection No. 1—Cut Flower Collection. One root of each of the following fine dahlias—Michigan White, D-Day and Victory .....Special Price 1.50

Collection No. 2—Six selected dahlias (our selection) of the better class, all big ones. Complete collection ..... 3.00

Mammoth Collection No. 3—One dozen fine dahlias (our selection), all from the finest varieties, from stocks of which we have a surplus. This collection is a wonderful bargain and worth many times the price. Complete collection ..... 6.00

Collection No. 5—All in the large class, for exhibition. One root of the following: Avalon, Silver Lady, and Mrs. Thos. Edison. ....Special Price 1.25

Collection No. 6—Giant Ball Collection. We will ship six roots, our selection from our ball dahlias as listed. This is a big bargain. ....Special Price 1.50

Collection No. 7—One root of each of the following: White Wonder, Jane Cowl, Ogdan Reid, and Commodore. Complete collection. .... 1.50

## SEMPERVIVUMS

HENS AND CHICKENS. This is the small kinds for rock gardens, dish ornaments. Very small rosettes in big clusters. Very dark green in color, will grow anywhere. Can be used for thousands of purposes—good divisions with small clusters that can be subdivided.

Special Price, per cluster ..... .25

# HILL'S MICHIGAN DAHLIAS THE BEST YOU CAN BUY NEW LOW PRICES FOR 1959

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